

JULIUS MATTHEW EMIL MORAVCSIK was born April 26 1931 in Budapest; he died June 3 2009 in Palo Alto, California.

Julius left his native Hungary for the US at the age of 17. He earned his BA and PhD in philosophy at Harvard University, class '53. Subsequently, he spent a year of study at Oxford.

His first academic position was at Drexel Institute (now Drexel University) in Philadelphia, PA, where he spent a year. Next came a 9-year stay at the University of Michigan. In 1968, he accepted a professorship in the Department of Philosophy at Stanford University, from where he retired in 2007. In addition, he has lectured at more than 50 colleges and universities in the US, as well as in 26 countries around the world. He has received the Humboldt Prize from Humboldt University in Berlin and was granted the title of Honorary Citizen by the City of Rhodos. In the early 1970-s, he was co-founder of the West Coast Aristotelian Society; he was also past president of the American Philosophical Society. In 2002, he was elected external member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

His main professional interests were Greek philosophy - especially Plato, Aristotle, and the pre-Socratic philosophers - the philosophy of language, metaphysics, and ethics. In addition to over 90 articles and a number of edited and co-edited volumes, he has the following book-length monographs to his name:

Understanding language: a study of theories of language in linguistics and in philosophy. (1975: The Hague: Mouton)

Thought and language. (1990. London: Routledge)

Plato and Platonism. (1992. Oxford: Blackwell)

Meaning, creativity, and the partial inscrutability of the human mind. (1998. Stanford: CSLI)

The ties that bind. (2004. Budapest: CEU Press)

Julius was a dedicated teacher. A volume of papers by former students and colleagues, presented at a conference honoring him on the occasion of his retirement was published in 2009:

Dagfinn Follesdal and John Woods (ed.) *Logos and language. Essays in honor of Julius Moravcsik*. Lightning Source UK Ltd.

Julius was a renaissance man with a broad spectrum of interest and knowledge in music, art, and history - topics that he loved to discuss with friends. He was devoted to classical music, tennis, golf, spectator sports, hiking, and travel.

His son Adrian offers this story. "In his student years at Harvard, Julius played intra-mural football. Due to his speed he was placed at wide receiver. After throwing him the pass, they made on small mistake: they forgot to tell him that there was an end-zone. He caught the pass and kept running across the field and through the trees. - I think he is continuing that journey today."

He is survived by his wife née Rita Truninger, older son Adrian and his family, younger son Peter, and sister Edith.